

RE: Upcoming possible change of rules relaxing concentration of media ownership rules.

The FCC and Chmn. Powell need to restore integrity to the reputation of the FCC by restoring the goal of the FCC, and demonstrate commitment to the goal, of protecting the public good and Common Wealth and Trust of the citizens in this country.

Too few companies exercise overwhelming control of the air waves, from about 50 companies in 1984 to less than 10 co's today. Please do not relax the rules preventing concentration of ownership. Please align the rules to prevent a "cartel" of media lords in America. Allowing an oligopoly of media companies allows them too much power over what the public views, and thus, too much influence over our opinions and viewpoints, and how we think. It's just too much concentrated power. To concentrate so much power in so few companies will shut out other voices, with agendas different from "gaining market share," "increasing advertising revenue." And those other voices should have the opportunity to be heard.

It is not in the public interest to concentrate the power of the airwaves into the hands of so few entities.

This doesn't even begin to address the issue of the impression that the FCC is in the pockets of the big media companies, which is exactly how it looks. The FCC is starting to look crooked. In the interests of brevity and focusing on the matter at hand, I won't go further into these points except to say tht I will be forwarding my comments here to my congressman and senators.

In closing, I request that Chmn. Powell and the FCC do the right thing, in the public interest, and NOT relax the rules pertaining to concentration of media ownership.